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1. VEB Hydrierwerk Zeitz, factory number 22/0890/0001, located in Bezirk Halle, was an SAG enterprise until 31 December 1953. It is now under the administration of Production Area for Chemistry of the East German Ministry for Heavy Industry. Following are the leading personnel of the enterprise as of 1 April 1954:

Main Director	Dr. Matschke (fmu)
Acting Technical Director	Dr. Saeger (fmu)
Head of Planning	Ing. Plesch (fmu)
Head of Electric Power Technology	Dipl. Ing. Jilek (fmu)
Head of Power Plant	Ing. Wanet (fmu)
Head of Investments	Dipl. Ing. Neubauer (fmu)
Chief Mechanic	Chief Engineer Welzer (fmu)
Commercial Director	Dr. Kinne (fmu)
Labor Director	Ing. Enke (fmu)
Head of Inventions Office	Goetze (fmu)
Safety Engineer	Ing. Kirmsc (fmu)
Head of Legal Department	Dr. Lehrew (fmu)
Acting Head of Cadre Department	Ing. Zimmermann (fmu)
Chief Bookkeeper	Haneck (fmu)
Head of Research and Development Department	Dr. Kuehnhans (fmu)

2. From 1 January through 31 March 1954, production of the enterprise (Produktionsumfang) amounted to 36,541,000 DME at 1954 values (zu Messwerten 1954).

3. During the period mentioned, the enterprise processed 114,389 tons of raw tar and light oil. This represents 88.7 percent of the amount planned to be processed during the first quarter of 1954. The material processed consisted of 79.7 percent tar and 20.1 percent light oil, whereas the production and finance plans provided for a different relation, 62 percent and 18 percent respectively.

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5 Production of the enterprise is fully mechanized, with the exception of the production of sulfur and some less important products. The enterprise consists of the following departments:

- a) Hydrogen production
- b) Hydrogenation and tar processing
- c) Processing of hydrogenation products
- d) Auxiliary installations

6 The enterprise has a total number of employees of about 4,600. Among them are about 3,100 industrial workers, 260 engineers and technicians, 320 clerical employees and 54 scientists.

7 During the first half of the first quarter of 1954, production of the enterprise suffered heavily from the cold wave. In January 1954, VEB Kombinat Espenhain 1 failed to deliver tar, light oil and soft coal in sufficient quantities. As compared with the production plan, the enterprise in January 1954 obtained 5,499 tons of soft coal and 11,126 tons of liquid raw materials less than was allocated. In early February 1954, deliveries of these materials still decreased. In view of this situation, the Ministry for Heavy Industry on 2 February 1954 ordered that all but one generator of the enterprise be stopped. Not until 19 February 1954 was the enterprise able to go again into full production with all three generators. Although production in March 1954 was above the amount provided for in the production plan, the enterprise was not able to compensate for the production losses of January and February 1954, so that the production of the first quarter 1954 remained below the planned amount.

1 Comment. An SAG enterprise until 31 December 1954, now also under the Main Administration of Liquid Fuels. 25X1

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